

Fall 2020

Helping our local public libraries!



Friends of the White County Public Libraries

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Our Friends Board members meet the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM! Please email us if you would like to be included in our current format, which is Zoom. We would love to have your ideas for supporting the libraries in our growing community!



Postponing...



We've had to postpone our **Edible Book Festival** and annual Friends meeting until 2021. Thank you to those who already purchased raffle tickets for our annual **Chocolate Raffle**, sponsored by Hansel and Gretel Candy Kitchen in Helen. We will safeguard these tickets until we can resume sales in 2021. Remember that locally-owned Hansel and Gretel is open for business!

Memberships must go on...

September is Renewal Month for Friends of the White County Public Libraries! Linda Erbele, our membership chair, will email or send you a reminder. You may always pick up a form at either branch library, too. Please encourage others to join our non-profit, which provides books and materials that public funding cannot provide. We appreciate all of you!

Holiday Silent Auction...

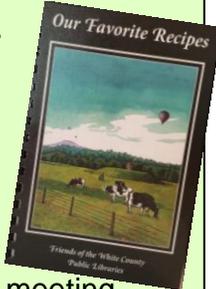
Please start collecting items now for a holiday fundraiser that will benefit not only library patrons, but offer great gift ideas for all of us!



Thanks to all who contributed to a fantastic retirement reception for Helen's branch manager, Deborah Kelley! She was delighted that so many dropped in to wish her well for her next chapter! Next time you are in Helen, stop and meet the new manager there, Justin Haynes.

Our newest board member, **Susan Lockhart**, lives in a small cabin in Helen, near Smithgall Woods. She moved to White County fulltime in 2008 after retiring from active duty. She served with the United States Public Health Service, one of the seven uniformed services, for 30 years as a public health educator. She spent her first 20 years assigned to multiple agencies in Maryland and her last 10 years at CDC in Atlanta with the Chronic Disease Center.

Susan is a lifelong bookworm and reads a wide range of genres, but mostly murder mysteries. Besides reading, she likes to travel and has taken trips to Antarctica, Patagonia, China, Peru, Norway, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, India, Israel and other countries since she retired. Her favorite place to travel is Los Angeles, where her daughter and family live. She has three grandchildren, ages 5, 4 and 2. Susan is looking forward to the day when the pandemic is under control in the US and she can read books to them in person. Susan also likes to cook, bake and to search cookbooks and recipe sites for healthy and gluten-free recipes. She is spending her home alone time ignoring her chores to read and trying to convince her two cats that they really do like their new prescription diet foods.

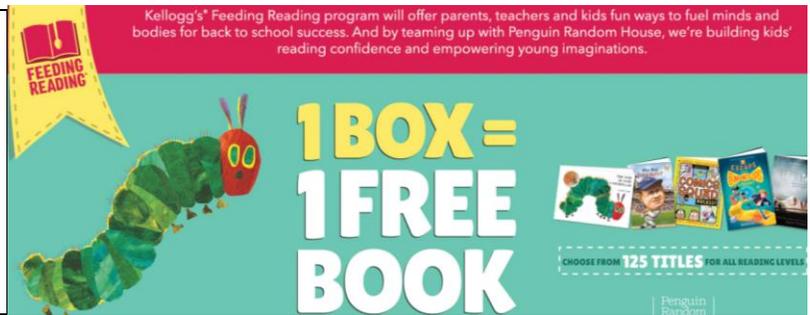
<p>Member Spotlight</p>	<p>“Our Favorite Recipes” has been a bestseller, thanks you to vendors around the county and the staff selling these cookbooks at both branches. All proceeds from this important fundraiser will provide funds for building a new facility to replace our Cleveland branch.</p> <p>Please encourage your local representatives to plan for a larger library, which we desperately need. Our current building was sufficient for 1980, but our larger population now deserves better access to books, computers, reference materials, magazines, and meeting rooms for story hours and special programs. Email us to learn how you can join the committee dedicated to planning for progress!</p> 
<p>Using Amazon? Help support our libraries with Amazon Smile! Account number: EIN: 46-5344718. “Friends of White County Libraries.” <i>No cost to you!</i></p>	



Friends Board Members in the “Good Ole Days”

Planning is more fun in St. Patrick’s Day finery! Left to right: Pima McConnell (special projects), Jane Threlkeld, Hilary Johnson, Fred Threlkeld (treasurer), Linda Erbele (membership) and Suzanne D’Abate (president). Not pictured: Willene Keel (secretary), Michael Humphrey, Susan Lockhart and Gloria Seymour.

Until 9-30-20, Kelloggs will donate books to you or to a library! Just set up an account and scan the sales receipt of one of their eligible products! Visit this website for more information:
<https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com>



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Little Free Libraries

For more than a year, Friends board members have placed small boxes with shelves of free books available to children in various public locations in White County. With these “Little Free Libraries,” children can enjoy their own copies of books! The libraries cannot accept donations for this project at this time – but hopefully can again soon. Please continue to save books at your home for this worthwhile project! Read more: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

